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TAGS: EMIN, ENRG, US

SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS OF MINERAL LEASING ACT OF 1920

AS APPLIED TO NEW ZEALAND

REF: 76 STATE 313732

REFER TO QUESTION THREE OF RETEL. ACCORDING TO THE  
OVERSEAS INVESTMENT COMMISSION (OIC) THERE IS NO  
LEGISLATION PREVENTING ANY FOREIGN INVESTMENT AT THE  
EXPLORATION STAGE OF ANY VENTURE. HOWEVER, IT IS  
GENERALLY GOVERNMENT POLICY TO HAVE 50 PER CENT NEW ZEALAND  
PARTICIPATION (WHETHER BY GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC) IN ANY  
VENTURE AT THE EXPLOITATION STAGE. MINES DEPARTMENT SOURCES  
CONFIRM THIS. THERE IS NOT LEGISLATION AS SUCH WHICH REQUIRES  
THIS BUT THE FORMER LABOUR GOVERNMENT (1972-1975) ESTABLISHED  
A POLICY OF A 50 PER CENT NEW ZEALAND SHAREHOLDING. THIS HAS  
BEEN FOLLOWED TO A LESSER EXTENT BY THE PRESENT  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH ASSUMED OFFICE IN DECEMBER 1975.  
BOTH THE MINES DEPARTMENT AND THE OIC STATE THAT EACH CASE  
IS TREATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS ON MERIT. THERE IS  
NO PROVISION FOR RELAXATION OF THE 50 PER CENT RULE  
FOR CITIZENS OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY ON A RECIPROCAL  
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